



LEAMINGTON SPA
Art Gallery & Museum

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

JULY 2016 – OCTOBER 2016



James Yunge-Bateman, *The Outside Viewing Tank: Directorate of Camouflage, Naval Section, 1943*, oil on canvas. © Imperial War Museums (ART.IWM ART LD 2759)

WELCOME

Please browse our latest What's On guide to find out more about opportunities this Summer and Autumn to explore the arts and history through our extensive range of changing exhibitions, activities and workshops.



"An unexpected gem."



Many events are free and there is plenty for children and families to enjoy. While you are in the Royal Pump Rooms, there is also the chance to enjoy one of its other attractions; perhaps have a drink or something to eat in the café, attend one of the events in the Regency assembly rooms, or visit the library or Visitor Information Centre. Please come in, look around and enjoy your visit!

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The staff at Leamington Visitor Information Centre have a wealth of local knowledge and can provide information and advice for visitors and residents alike, including guided walks and tours, things to see and do, and where to eat and shop.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE

The library is located in the beautifully converted public swimming pool. The historic surroundings house the very latest in computer and research technology.



CAFÉ

The café offers a menu including lunches, cakes, pastries, tea and coffee.



GALLERY SHOP

Drop into our shop, and view a selection of greetings cards, postcards, books, and other gift items. Also on offer is a changing selection of contemporary jewellery and craft items by professional designer-makers that are affordable, beautiful and made to be treasured! Come and look at our craft showcase to find out whose work is currently available.



THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

The Assembly Rooms are available for hire for concerts, weddings, parties and conferences. For more information please visit:

www.rls-dining-events.co.uk

EXHIBITIONS

CONCEALMENT & DECEPTION: THE ART OF THE CAMOUFLEURS OF LEAMINGTON SPA 1939-1945

22 July – 16 October 2016

Concealment & Deception tells the story of the artists and designers based in Royal Leamington Spa, who created camouflage during World War 2. Mostly recruited from art schools and industry, they devised ways to conceal important sites and, later, ships, from German aircraft and submarines.



Colin Moss, *Camouflaged Factory Buildings*, c.1939 – 1941, pencil and watercolour on paper, LSAG&M

The story of this creative and often eccentric group of 'camoufleurs' is told against the background of the Home Front in wartime Leamington Spa. During a time of rationing, air raids and social disruption, they not only helped protect the nation against enemy action but also enlivened lives of the local residents through their murals in the British Restaurant and other public buildings.

In addition to pieces from Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum the exhibition includes works borrowed from the Imperial War Museum, the Henry Moore Institute in Leeds, the Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry, and private owners. The exhibition and associated catalogue have been produced by Warwick District Council with financial support from the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, Friends of Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum (FLAG) and The Art Fund.

ArtFund

**PAUL MELLON
CENTRE**



A scene along The Parade in Leamington Spa.
Spring 1945 © Courtesy of the Leamington Spa Courier

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

COLIN HITCHMOUGH

28 October – 8 January 2017

Artist Colin Hitchmough lived in Leamington Spa for over 30 years. This retrospective survey exhibition will include a large selection of paintings by the artist from 1970 to the present day.

EVENTS

PRIVATE VIEW

Friday 22 July, 6 – 7.30pm

Join us for a preview of *Concealment and Deception*.

Speeches start at 6.30pm.

FREE Booking is essential. Please call 01926 742700.



Colin Moss, *Morning after the Blitz*, 1940, pencil and watercolour on paper, LSAG&M.
Courtesy of the artist's estate.

PRINTMAKING ADULT WORKSHOP ERIC GASKELL

**Saturday 13 August,
11am – 4pm**

Eric Gaskell has been painting and printmaking for over 35 years and runs workshops on printmaking around the UK. He will be running a fun, informative class looking at how to create a linocut. The class will introduce the basic skills, including drawing for linocut, how to get the best from your design, transferring the image, methods of making cut marks, different methods of inking the block and taking a print. This will be a single colour linocut, which can be printed onto coloured papers or collage. Black and white linocuts are an excellent graphic medium to make camouflage imagery. Please bring along some sketches or ideas to work from or find inspiration in the many camouflage artworks on display.



TOURS OF THE HISTORIC ROYAL PUMP ROOMS

**Thursday 8 September,
11am – 12noon**

**Saturday 10 September,
11am – 12noon**

Guided tours exploring the history of the Royal Pump Rooms - including behind the scenes access! Tours start at 11am from the gallery desk and will last approximately one hour.

FREE Tours are free, but places are limited. Please call 01926 742700 to book.

ADULT PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

KAREN STEPHENSON

**Saturday 17 September,
11am – 4pm**

Join artist Karen Stephenson and get back to the roots of printmaking with monoprinting and collagraphs. This session is for both beginners and experienced printmakers who want to get inspiration or continue on their own projects. Working loosely on a theme of camouflage in nature, you will use images of insects, marine animals, trees and leaves to hide other pictures and overprint onto other pieces. All materials will be provided. Feel free to bring any other materials for inspiration (pictures, postcards, magazines, articles, print-outs, photocopies).



FIFTEEN WAYS TO HIDE WRITING WORKSHOP

**Saturday 15 October,
11am – 4pm**



How do we hide ourselves? How do we blend in? Who were the artists who came to Leamington Spa and developed

practical, creative and extraordinary ideas for camouflage? Inspired by the *Concealment and Deception* exhibition, as well as metaphorical ideas of camouflage, you will write poems and quite possibly short fiction as well. The workshop will be led by Matt Black (Mentor to Write On! Warwickshire Young Writers and Derbyshire Poet Laureate, 2011-2013), who has already written poems for the exhibition. Matt will share background information about the camouflage team, as well as providing ideas, inspiration and routes into your own writing.

All adult workshops are £20 per person. Non-refundable. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment required to confirm booking.



CRAFT CLUB

Sunday 14 August, 11 September & 9 October, 2-4pm

Everyone is welcome to join this monthly craft group, no experience is necessary. Join Action 21 skills sharers to learn a new craft each month or bring something you are working on and enjoy the company of other craft enthusiasts. Sewing machines are available.

FREE No need to book.



BATTLE OF THE SOMME FILM SCREENING

Thursday 14 July, 6 – 7.30pm

To commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme there will be a screening of the documentary film that was made of the conflict. First screened on 10 August 1916, the film, which features footage from the opening days of the battle, was seen by over 20 million people in Britain.

The screening will include a short introductory talk.

FREE Places are free but limited. Please call 01926 742700 to book.
Recommended for ages 18+.



THE DISRUPTIVE/ DISRUPTED PATTERN

Friday 23 September,
6 – 9:30pm

The Coventry based, artist-led group *Office for Art, Design and Technology* present *The Disruptive/ Disrupted Pattern*, a night of experimental and digital audio-visual approaches to camouflage.

In the galleries you will be given the opportunity to see the Concealment & Deception exhibition after-hours, along with a temporary installation by the Birmingham based artists, Antonio Roberts and Lucy Hutchinson. In the Assembly Rooms there will be a screening of RSG-BLACK-1 by the legendary, New York based RSG, this will be followed by a live performance using computer game engines, dance music and noise by Birmingham based artists Ryan Hughes and Michael Lightborne. This event is a part of *Office for Art, Design and Technology's*

#CamouflageSeason.

For more information visit:

www.art-design-tech.org

FREE Cash Bar.



POETRY, PATTERNS AND PINOT

Saturday 15 October, 7-9pm

This after-hours event is perfect for poetry and wine enthusiasts and those with an interest in the fascinating story of the Leamington camouflage artists. Listen to some original poetry on the theme of camouflage, inspired by the exhibition. Sample some wines with the guidance of a local expert.

Tickets are £5 per person. Non-refundable. Places are limited, please call 01926 742700 to book. Payment required to confirm booking.

ACTIVITIES

CAMOUFLAGE LAUNCH

Saturday 23 July, 11am – 4pm

Take part in the family-friendly activities at this buzzing launch event! Make your own camouflage hat to wear home and meet a costumed character from the camouflage unit team.

FREE drop in and & join in.

WRITERS' OPEN DAY

**Saturday 23 July,
11am – 4pm**

Join Matt Black for an introduction to the Writers' Open Day to learn about the background to the camouflage team and to hear a small selection of poems inspired by this fascinating piece of local and national history. Drop in at any time during the day, take a seat at one of the writing stations and find inspiration for your own poems or prose - from the exhibition, from camouflage team history, and from other writers. Participants may also submit work for the Poetry, Patterns and Pinot evening on 15 October.

FREE drop in and & join in.



ART IN THE PARK STALL

**Saturday 6 and Sunday 7
August, 11am – 5pm**

Join us for the weekend at Art in the Park where members of the Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum team will be creating collage camouflage crayfish.

FREE drop in & join in.





ART CART FAMILY FUN

Last Saturday of each month,
1 – 3pm

**Saturday 30 July, 24 September
& 29 October**

Join us for family art and craft sessions in the galleries using our mobile Art Cart. Create your own artwork to take home. The Art Cart is also available during normal opening hours. Explore its drawers and pockets to discover lots of activities inspired by the displays.

FREE drop in & join in.

Suitable for the whole family.

Please note there will be no Art Cart Family Fun in August.



ART CLUB

Half-hour sessions start at 11.30am, 2pm, 2.45pm & 3.30pm

Thursday 28 July

Celebrate Archaeology Week with an Egyptian dig.

Thursday 4 August

Create a camouflage boat and test out how well it floats.

Thursday 11 August

Decorate a camo-collage figure to take home.

Thursday 18 August

Get creative making a patterned print artwork using paint and texture.

Thursday 25 August

Craft some cork animals.

FREE Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Suitable for children up to 12 years.

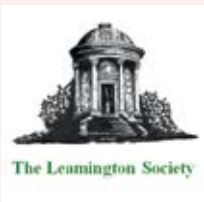
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FAMILY DAY – CREATIVE CAMOUFLAGE

**Saturday 27 August,
11am – 4pm**

Take part in the Camouflage Trail around Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, Leamington Library and the Pump Rooms Gardens. Learn how to create camouflage patterns on your face at the face-painting station. Get creative with the animal mask-making activity for under 5s and camouflage masks for 5 and over. In the Pump Rooms Gardens join Leamington Looks Back and help create a community art installation, camouflaging a model town. Create a pop up bird hide to fool our feathered friends or see if you can find some bugs hiding in the gardens.

Supported by Friends of the Pump Room Gardens and the Leamington Society.



ARTY TOTS

**First Wednesday of each
month 11am – 12noon
7 September & 8 October**

Arty Tots sessions run in the art gallery on the first Wednesday of each month. They include free play and simple art activities for under 5s and their carers.

FREE drop in and join in.

Please note there will be no Arty Tots in August.



ARTS AWARD EXPLORE

Arts Award Explore is a course for young people who want to get creative, learn about the arts and present their exploration to others! Two summer clubs, Young Artists & Young Curators, led by Arts Award adviser Imogen Frost will result in a nationally recognised qualification. Come and develop new skills, explore behind the scenes and define your creative future. Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England.

YOUNG ARTISTS SUMMER CLUB

**Tuesday 2, Wednesday 3
& Friday 5 August, 11am – 3pm**
Exhibition: Saturday 13 August

Join us for an art packed week of making and exploring! Take part in workshops in painting, drawing, photography and sculpture and learn all about the Art Gallery's amazing collections. Reflect on your different interests in your sketchbook and build a portfolio of artwork before making a final piece to be exhibited in the Art Gallery & Museum.

YOUNG CURATORS SUMMER CLUB

**Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10
& Friday 12 August, 11am – 3pm**
Exhibition: Saturday 13 August

Explore behind the scenes at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum and discover everything that goes into putting on an exhibition. Meet our curators and get creative through designing exhibition posters and making audio captions before curating an exhibition of artworks in the Art Gallery & Museum!

Each course costs £20 per person which includes all materials and moderation costs.
Suitable for ages 7+

Places are limited so please book in advance by calling 01926 742700.
For more information contact
Imogen.Frost@warwickdc.gov.uk





THE BIG DRAW THE DRAWING FACTORY

Saturday 8 October,
11am – 4pm

An imaginative and exploratory event hosted by Make/Shift/Space, the portable pop-up artist studio. Come and join the art production line and create imaginary mechanical drawings using tools, objects and materials inspired by work and play.
@makeshiftspace

FREE drop in and join in.

THE BIG DRAW: INVENTION INTERVENTIONS

Saturday 1 October –
Sunday 30 October

The Big Draw 2016 is all about STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths! Take part in our month long activity and draw an invention that brings together art, science and technology to create an amazing new gallery exhibit. Paintings that talk to you? A steam powered sculpture? What will you design?





HADDIE'S GALLERY

Join Haddie the circus elephant and explore our family gallery to discover what life was like for a child in Victorian Leamington Spa. Enjoy fun interactive exhibits, dressing up and activity sheets.



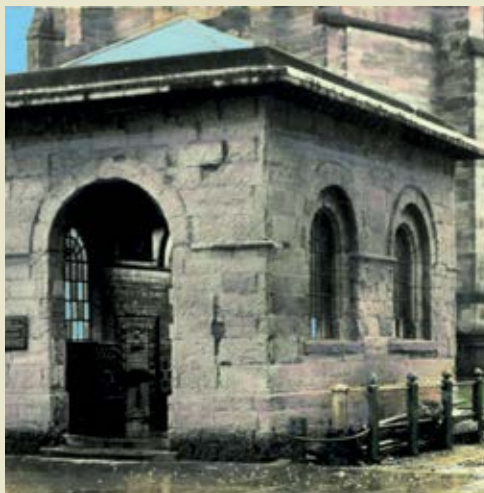
HADDIE'S TRAILS FOR UNDER 5s

Haddie's Trails are designed to help families with young children to explore the displays. The trails can be collected from the art gallery desk. There are four different themes to try.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

AYLESFORD WELL BASIN

The basin from Royal Leamington Spa's first well house has returned to the town. In 1803 the Earl of Aylesford arranged for a well house to be built over the original spring, which was located just outside the parish church. There was a tap and basin inside the well house, while a pump on the outside of the building gave people free access to the water. When the well house was demolished in 1961, local resident Pavel Hodá rescued the basin from the rubble. It has now been acquired from his son, having spent many years in Norfolk.



Aylesford's Well,
Leamington Spa, c.1960

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

If you would like to join our free mailing list and receive regular updates about our events and exhibitions, please call **01926 742700** or email **prooms@warwickdc.gov.uk**.

Like Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum on Facebook and follow us on Twitter **@LeamSpaArtGall** or Instagram on **LeamSpaArtGallery**.

Read regular posts about all the latest news and events.



ONLINE COLLECTIONS

You can explore Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum's collections online. All 12,000 items in our wide ranging collections have been added to an electronic archive including over 5,000 images. To access the online collections visit **www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk**. You can also access the website from the computer in Haddie's Gallery.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS' RESOURCES

We offer resources for teachers to lead school visits on a number of curriculum topics for Key Stages 1 and 2. Follow a trail around the gallery, use our free activity boxes or book a guided visit. We also have two online schools resources, *A Walk Around Victorian Leamington Spa* and *Toys and Games*. These are available within the spotlights section of the Windows on Warwickshire website: www.windowsonwarwickshire.org.uk.

All school resources are free. For more information or to book a visit please telephone Penelope Thomas on 01926 742704.



Dr Jephson and Victorian Leamington is a local history workshop, ideally suited to years 1 & 2.

USEFUL INFO

CRAFT STUDIO FOR HIRE

Our *Craft Studio* is available to hire for educational visits and workshops, or for one-off meetings. Please call 01926 742700 for information.



FRIENDS OF LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM (FLAG)



FLAG support the Art Gallery & Museum, particularly by helping to fund the purchase and conservation of works of art. FLAG also organise a programme of events and visits. They always welcome new members.

To find out more, please contact Maureen Chapman on 01789 840703 or visit www.friendsofleamingtonartgallery.co.uk

ARTS DEVELOPMENT

The Arts Development Service provides advice and support for artists and arts organisations who work or live in Warwick District.

To find out more please email mair.evans@warwickdc.gov.uk



ART IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

**Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 August,
Jephson Gardens,
Leamington Spa**

Come and enjoy a free festival weekend filled with art, creativity and fun with over 100 exhibiting artists and demonstrations, live theatre, music, dance, delicious food and drink. For more information visit www.artinpark.co.uk

WARWICK WORDS HISTORY FESTIVAL

Monday 3 – Sunday 9



Warwick Words is delighted to announce an exciting new venture in the heart of historic Warwick the Warwick Words -

History Festival. Celebrate historical writing, fact and fiction, meet the authors, discover and discuss their work. Join us for talks, workshops, walks and much, much more.

To find out more visit

www.warwickwords.co.uk

or email info@warwickwords.co.uk

LEAMINGTON CAMOUFLAGE FESTIVAL

Leamington was the proud home of the camouflage team during the Second World War. 250 artists, designers, and technicians worked in secret on aspects of military and civilian camouflage! This little known history is being celebrated with a Camo Festival throughout July, August, and September.

For more information visit www.leamington-camo.co.uk

or tweet [@leamingtoncamo](https://twitter.com/leamingtoncamo)

CONCERTS

INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET SERIES

Royal Pump Rooms – Fridays at 7.30pm



Leamington Music

Carducci Quartet

7 October

Mendelssohn,
Shostakovich, Beethoven

Van Kuijk Quartet (France)

4 November

Ravel, Poulenc, Debussy

Elias Quartet

25 November

Haydn, Britten, Beethoven

Royal Quartet (Poland)

27 January

Mozart, Philip Glass, Mozart

Stamic Quartet (Czech Republic)

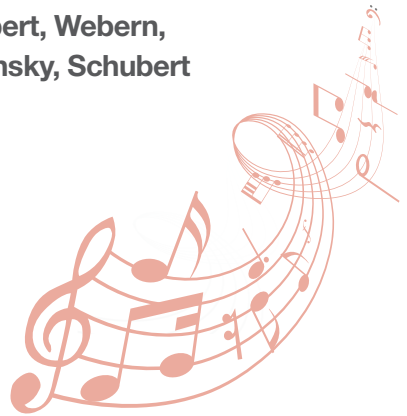
24 February

Haydn, Mucha, Dvorak

Brodsky Quartet

24 March

Schubert, Webern,
Zemlinsky, Schubert



Carducci Quartet

Tickets on sale at Royal Leamington Spa Town Hall Box Office

From July with savings for subscription for whole season

Online www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk

Telephone 01926 334418

Visit www.leamingtonmusic.org for full details of winter season

HOW TO FIND US



Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum is in the Royal Pump Rooms, on The Parade, opposite Jephson Gardens. If travelling by car, leave the M40 at Junction 13 and follow directions into Leamington Spa on the A452.

Follow signs for the town centre. The Royal Pump Rooms is a 10 minute walk from Leamington Spa Railway Station. There are direct rail services from London Marylebone, Birmingham, Oxford and Coventry.

PARKING

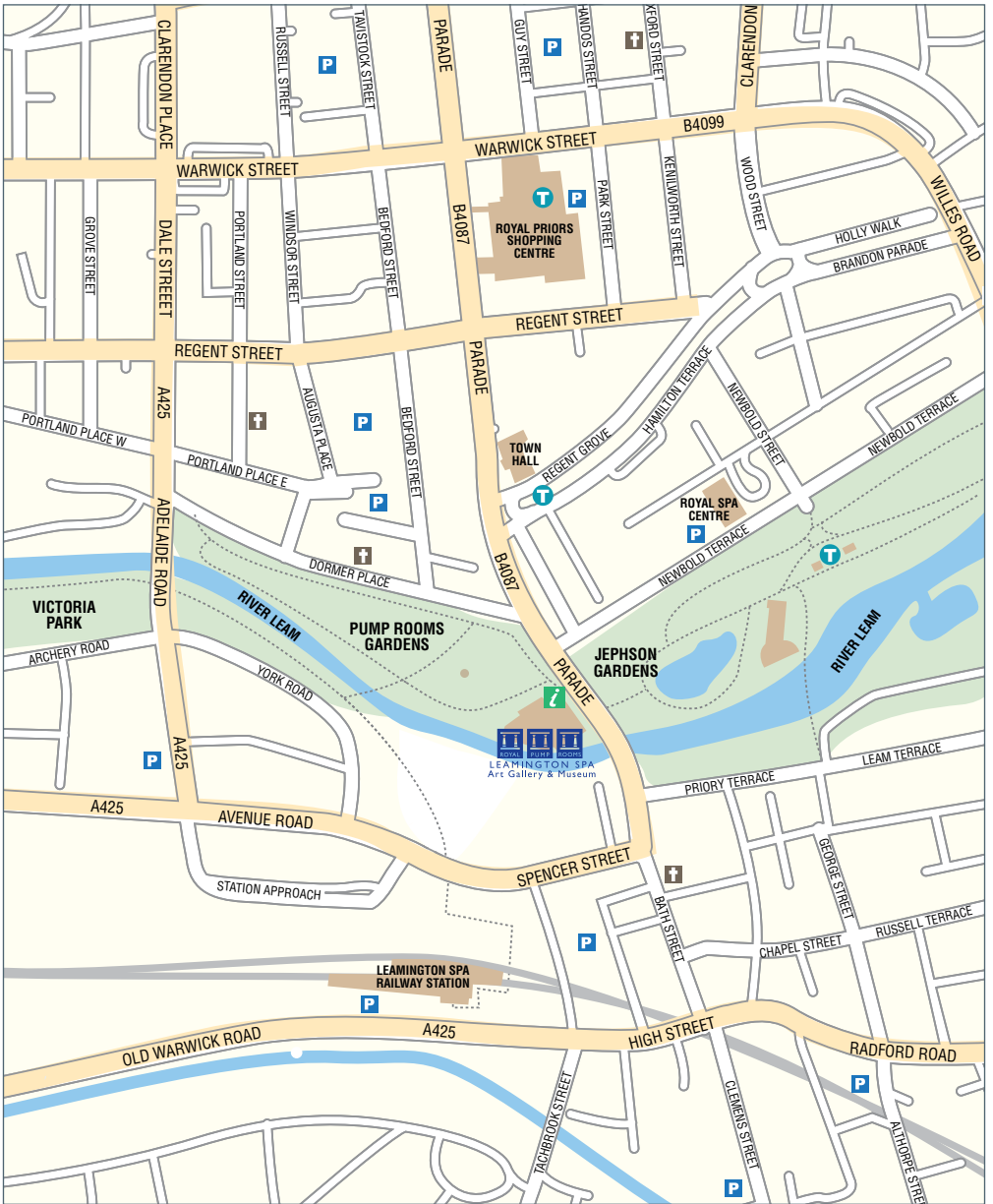
There is limited parking directly outside the Royal Pump Rooms. Parking is reserved for disabled visitors approximately 10 metres from the entrance. There is a drop off point for coaches on Newbold Terrace. St. Peter's car park is also within walking distance of the Royal Pump Rooms.



"Free museum in a lovely setting."

ACCESS

The art gallery is on one level and the museum is on two levels, the upper accessible by stairs and usually by chairlift. There is wheelchair access throughout most of the building, including toilets. For more information please telephone 01926 742700 or ask at the art gallery reception desk.



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Visitor Information Centre

01926 742762

Leamington Library

01926 742721 / 742722

Café & Assembly Rooms

01926 742751

Opening hours

Tues – Sat

10.45am – 5pm

Sun & Bank Hols

11am – 4pm

Mon

Closed

ADMISSION FREE



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IN PEOPLE

